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TOPIC Soviet Troops and High Unit Headquarters in MAUMBURG

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REMARKS 25X1

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- 25X1 1. Troops held a river-crossing practice on the Saale River northwest of MAUMBURG (N 52/J 89) on 15 October 1949. An engineer unit of about 100 men threw a pontoon bridge across the river about 1,600 feet west of the railroad bridge. Motorized infantry units of about 300 troops crossed the river on the bridge.
2. The following observations were made in MAUMBURG on 14 November 1949:
- a. Former Bismarck Kaserne on Reistenfelderstrasse:
- (1) Heavily occupied by artillery units totaling about 800 troops, including numerous recruits.
 - (2) Maintenance work was done on a gun in front of a repair shop in the eastern Kaserne section.
 - (3)

(4) Six 122-mm howitzers and two 76.2-mm guns were observed in the Kaserne area on 28 October 1949.

b. Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburgerstrasse:

- (1) Occupied to capacity by units with about 600 troops. An infantry unit of about 300 men, a motor transport unit of about 200 men and an engineer unit of 100 to 150 men were said to be quartered in the Kaserne. About 60 percent of the troops

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were very young.

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(3) Senior accompanied by 12 field officers, including a guards tank colonel and a guards artillery colonel inspected the troops in the Kaserne on 16 October 1949.

c. Kaserne North of Flemingerweg:

(1) Occupied by infantry and guards artillery units, of 1,200 to 1,400 troops.

(2) Five SU 76 anti tanks were parked beside the garages. It was said that 76.2-mm T tanks were stored in the garages.

(3)

(4) Troops arrived in the Kaserne in mid-October 1949, including a shipment of troops from BIELEFELD (M 51/J 97) on 14 October 1949 and a shipment of recruits from an unidentified location on 15 October 1949.

d. Kaserne South of Flemingerweg:

(1) Occupied by infantry and guards artillery units totaling 500 to 600 troops.

(2)

e. Barbera Kaserne:

(1) Corps or army signal unit of about 150 men. Several radio trucks, allegedly equipped with 5-kw transmitters, were permanently parked in the Kaserne area.

(2) High unit headquarters, allegedly headquarters of an artillery unit. The headquarters personnel of about 200 included numerous junior officers and field officers wearing artillery insignia.

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f. IG (Word) Reserve:

occupied to capacity by a signal unit of about 150 men.

g. former Oberlandesgericht (superior provincial court)

(1) Occupied by a high unit headquarters, allegedly a corps or army headquarters. Much courier traffic was seen in the evening, the couriers being motorcyclists or officers riding passenger cars.

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Comment:

a. The report shows that on 14 November 1949 the NAUMBURG military post was occupied as observed prior to maneuvers.

b. The information contained in para 2,c indicates that new recruits arrived in NAUMBURG.

c. The report confirms the headquarters of the LXXIX Gds Ptz Rifle Corps as being in the NAUMBURG Oberlandesgericht up to mid-November 1949.

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